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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know, Sir, whether there is any practice or arrangement by which the stay of the Ministers at Madras or Ootacamund is guided, or whether this depends entirely upon the sense of administrative convenience of each Minister of Government ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not know how this question was put down. But I don't object to its being put down as you came to the decision it ought to be put. I therefore bow to your ruling. I think, as far as the stay of Members of Government is concerned, they being in charge of the whole of the Presidency can stay anywhere they desire."

Local Boards

Nominations made by the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government.

* 516 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nominations and the names of the persons nominated by him to Local Self-Government, Educational and Religious Endowments bodies under his control since the 15th of March last ; and

(b) the political party to which those nominees belong according to the information available to the Government ?

A.—(a) In regard to nominations to Municipal Councils, District Boards and Temple Committees the hon. Member will be able to obtain the information he requires from Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette* which is supplied to all Members of the Legislative Council. A statement[a] showing the nominations made to educational bodies is laid on the table.

(b) The Government have no information as to the political party to which the nominees belong, except in the case of Members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know when the Collectors have been nominated ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The information the hon. Member wants, as I have said, will be found in the issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette.*"

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Minister will be able to give the information ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member ought to have taken the trouble to find out the thing he wants."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Preparation of electoral roll for elections to temple committees in Anantapur district.

* 517 Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of temple committees in the district of Anantapur ;

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 426 to 428 infra.

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the members of the temple committee or committees in that district are nominated but not elected;

(*c*) whether in that district electoral rolls for the election of members of temple committees have been prepared, and if not, why not;

(*d*) from what funds all expenses connected with the preparation of electoral rolls are to be met; and

(*e*) whether any provision has been made in the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act (Act II of 1927, as amended by Act I of 1928) or the rules framed thereunder, as to the authority or authorities that are responsible for the preparation of electoral rolls and the funds out of which the expenditure incurred in the preparation of such rolls is to be met?

A.—(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The electoral rolls of the two committees have not yet been prepared. In view of the poor finances of the committees and of the fact that little or no useful work had been turned out by them, the Board has proposed the abolition of the existing committees and the reconstitution of a single committee for the entire district.

(*d*) From the funds of the committees concerned.

(*e*) Under the rules for the preparation of electoral rolls of temple committees and for the conduct of elections, Revenue Divisional Officers have been appointed by Government as Registration Officers for the preparation and publication of electoral rolls and all expenses connected with elections to temple committees are debitable to their funds.

Mr. C. OBI REDDI:—"May I know why it is, that the Revenue authorities though charged with the duty of the preparation of electoral rolls, have not prepared the rolls for the temple committee as yet for the district of Anantapur?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not know why; I shall call for information."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the one committee that he talks of as going to be established will be elected?"

The hon. Dr. P SUBBARAYAN:—"As stated there, as the electoral rolls have not been ready, that committee will be nominated."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is not prepared to make loans to such committees as have no funds to enable such committees to prepare their electoral rolls?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government have already advanced enough money for this purpose."